# KOI SURU NANTE KI ITE NAI

## Chapter 1

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An office love story from a popular mangaka
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WHERE DOES HER FUTURE LIE?!
A STRAY SHEEP IN HER THIRTIES
He's not my "Type"
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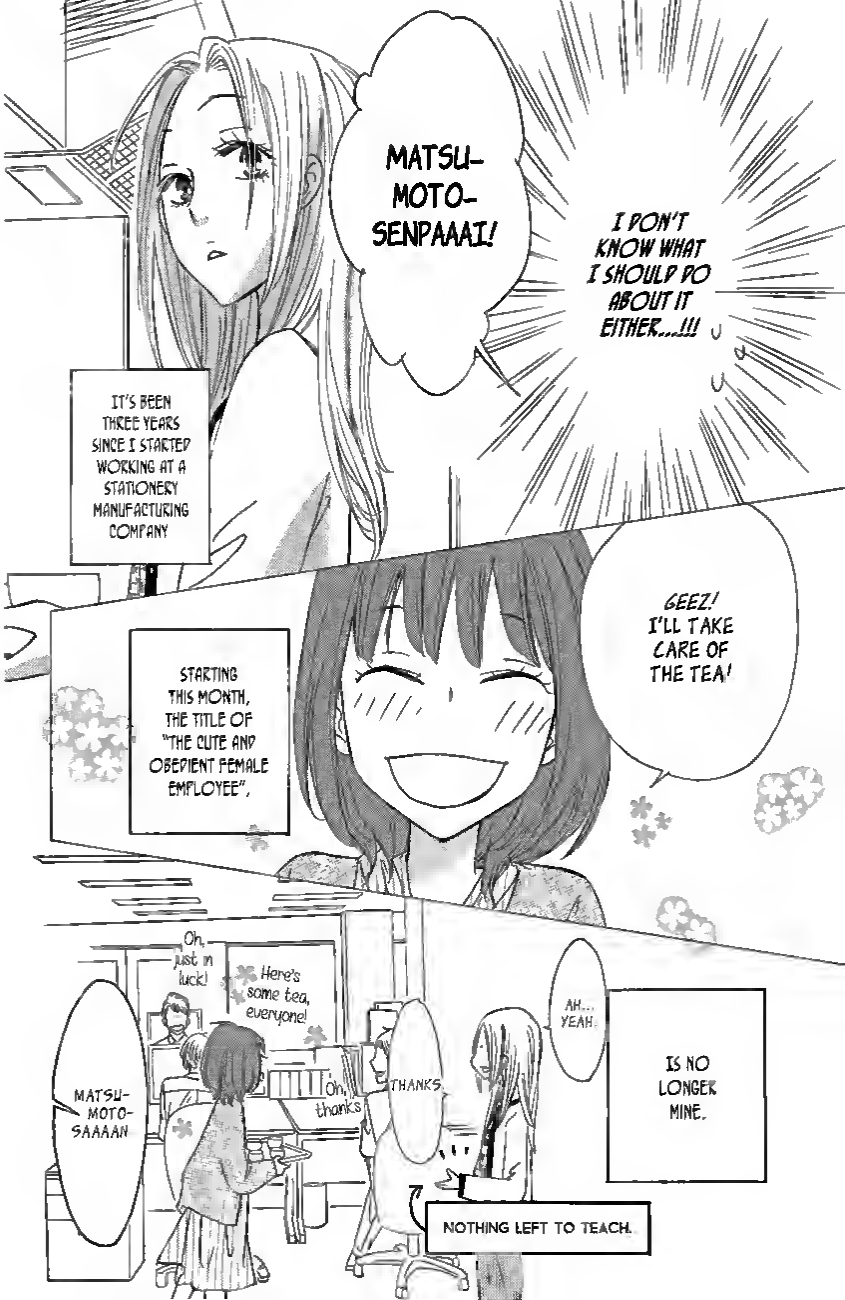
When a capable senpai shows up she gets demoted from the "cute young girl" to a "hard to handle alpha female"?!
"I can't stay like this..."
Kanna is an office lady who is at a critical point in her career For some reason, she is assigned to receive training from the dull and plain Haruki ?
Muro Tara
Tara Muro Pre

THIS IS NODA HARUKI-KUN HE JOINED AROUND THE SAME TIME YOU DID
Yes!
HE'S OUR COMPANY'S BEST EMPLOYEE
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
Um!
I'M MATSUMOTO KANNA, FROM THE GENERAL AFFAIRS SECTION
STARTING TODAY, I'M GOING TO CHANGE.
I'M GOING TO DO MY BEST.
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT, NODA-KUN?
CLICK CLICK CLICK
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF PERSON THE COMPANY'S BEST EMPLOYEE IS
WHIRL
.YES?
SO PLAIN!!!

OUR MATSUMOTO-KUN SAYS SHE WANTS TO IMPROVE HER SKILLS, SO I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D TEACH HER FOR ABOUT A WEEK
SURE
I don't remember seeing his face
HUH ? WAS THERE SOMEONE LIKE HIM WHEN I STARTED ?
I'll leave her in your care!
See you!
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A SEAT FOR NOW?
AH, YES!
WHOOSH
THUD
SILENCE
CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK
WH... WHAT SHOULD I DO? I ENDED UP COMING IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT.
BUT THIS PERSON DOESN'T REALLY SEEM LIKE THE TALKATIVE TYPE.
UM...
SO...
CREAK

WHAT SHOULD I TEACH YOU?
UH...
UM... WELL...
I WANT TO BECOME SOMEONE WHO CAN DO HER JOB PROPERLY, OR RATHER,
I JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO MORE THINGS... IS WHAT I WAS THINKING
mumble mumble
mumble
AAAAAH, I KNEW IT...
HE'S DISGUSTED.
I KNOW I FEEL THE SAME WAY MYSELF.
BUT!!!

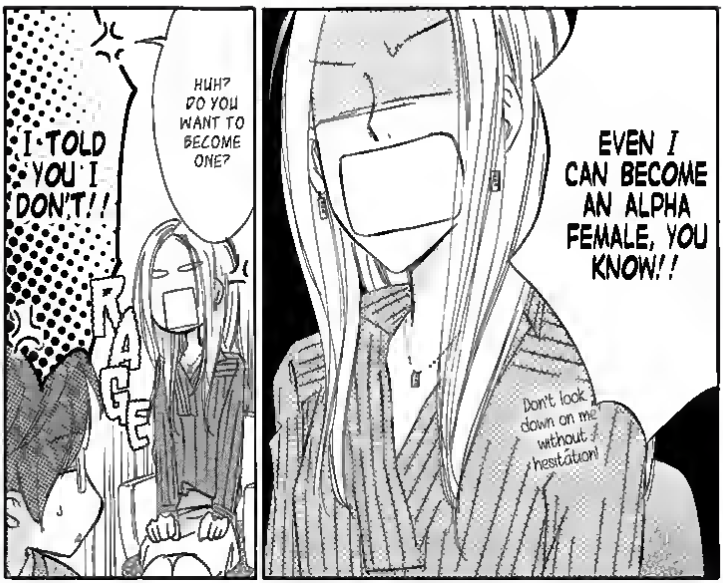

MATSU-MOTO-SENPAAAI!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO ABOUT IT EITHER...!!!
IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE I STARTED WORKING AT A STATIONERY MANUFACTURING COMPANY
GEEZ! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE TEA!
STARTING THIS MONTH, THE TITLE OF "THE CUTE AND OBEDIENT FEMALE EMPLOYEE",
IS NO LONGER MINE.
AH... YEAH.
NOTHING LEFT TO TEACH.
Oh, just in luck!
Here's some tea, everyone!
Oh, thanks
THANKS
MATSU-MOTO-SAAAAN

HERE TAKE CARE OF THIS BY TOMORROW, OKAY?
YEE-EEES!
YES
I WANT TO BE PAMPERED OR ANYTHING.
IT'S NOT LIKE
I DO MY JOB PROPERLY, BUT...
PAUSE
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK

COULD IT BE THAT,
I'M NO LONGER NEEDED...?
MATSU-MOTO-KUN.
HEY, MATSU-MOTO-KUN
I WONDER WHAT HE NEEDS... MAYBE SOME NEW WORK...
...IS WHAT HE SAID...
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HAVING A MARRIAGE INTERVIEW?
THE HEAD OF THE DEPART-MENT?!
COME HERE FOR A SEC.
YES!

HE'S BASICALLY TELLING ME I CAN QUIT WHENEVER SINCE A JUNIOR JOINED!
Also, why are you even telling me about your situation?
Um...
WHAT DOES MY TEACHING YOU HAVE TO DO WITH MARRIAGE INTERVIEWS...?
IF I KEEP THIS UP AND JUST DO THE WORK I'M TOLD TO DO,
I MIGHT END UP BECOMING AN ALPHA FEMALE WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO CHASTISE HER JUNIORS !
That's the only thing I don't want!
AAH... THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN
BLUNT
...huh?

HUH?
AN ALPHA FEMALE IS SOMEONE WHO'S WELL-ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR BUSINESS AND TRIES TO DOMINATE THE BALANCE OF POWER, ISN'T IT?
YOU CAN'T BECOME ONE IF YOU CAN'T DO YOUR JOB TO SOME EXTENT IN THE FIRST PLACE, SO I THINK IT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU
HEY ...?!
Huh?
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
END OF DUTY.
THANK GOODNESS, HUH
CONTROL


I TOLD YOU I DON'T!!
RAGE
HUH? DO YOU WANT TO BECOME ONE?
EVEN I CAN BECOME AN ALPHA FEMALE, YOU KNOW!!
Don't look down on me without hesitation!

...WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
AAH, I SEE.
I THINK THE FACT THAT I DON'T KNOW IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM.

SIGH
HE'S MAD
UM... I'M SORRY IT'S FINE, SO
THUD THUD THUD
OF COURSE HE'D BE MAD
HE HAS HIS OWN WORK TO DO, AFTER ALL...
Heavy

HUH?
WHY DON'T YOU START BY MEMORIZING ALL OF OUR PRODUCTS FOR NOW?
I THINK A PERSON WHO HAS A PROPER GRASP OF THEIR OWN STATE SHOWS PROMISE.

"YOU HAVE A NICE SMILE."
"THE OFFICE SURE BRIGHTENS UP WHEN THERE'S A GIRL AROUND."
I FEEL LIKE...
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN PROPERLY PRAISED.
THANKS.
He has a point.
I DID SAY YOU "SHOW PROMISE", BUT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS OR NOT.
IT'S NOTHING

THIS GUY'S A PRICK.
I'LL DO MY BEST!
Hm.
GO FOR IT
irritated...
WHAT'S WITH HIM? JUST BECAUSE HE'S A LITTLE GOOD AT HIS JOB...
Let's see, this and this...
I'LL MEMORIZE THIS RIGHT AWAY!
CLATTER
UGH...
THERE'S AN ENTIRE BOOK JUST FOR THE BALLPOINT PENS?!

I HAVE A MEETING NOW, SO YOU SHOULD COME WITH ME
HUH?
AH.
WHA...
STEP
STEP
STEP
ALL OF THEM.
UM, WHICH ONE ?
Huh?
BRING THOSE FILES TOO.
WAIT A SECOND!
Wa-

WHAT'S WITH THAT!?
GOOD WORK, NODA!
GOOD WORK
...AND WHO IS THIS?
She's carrying a lot.
DON'T MIND HER
THEIR RESPONSE TO THE NEW STEEL SHELF'S DESIGN WAS GOOD, BUT THEY SAID THE CURRENT ONE IS STILL USABLE.
I'D LIKE ONE MORE RECOMMEN-DATION
FILES' PRESENCE
I KIND OF FEEL OUT OF PLACE...
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, B COMPANY ALSO USES OUR PAPER PRODUCTS FOR THEIR SALES SLIPS
AH... YES, THEY DO.
I'm not in charge of that though.
MATSUMOTO-SAN. FILE MODEL NUMBER ○○ - XXXX PIPE TYPE.

PANIC
AH... YES!
FLIP
FLIP FLIP
FOUND IT!
WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION
HUH!?
IT SHOULD BE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RED FILE. LOOK FOR IT.
HUH!?
What is it?
What is it?
YOU CAN JUST READ IT
NOW SHOW IT TO NAKA-SHIMA-SAN AND EXPLAIN IT TO HIM
Alright. LET'S GO WITH THAT.
CAN'T WE PACKAGE IT WITH THE FILES AND PROMOTE THEM TOGETHER?
WE CAN COVER FOR ALL OF THE PAPER WE'RE USING FOR B COMPANY, AND IT ALSO FITS THE SHELF'S STANDARDS
Uh.. um.. ah.. uh..
INCOHERENT

WAIT HERE I NEED TO GO TO THE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION TO REVIEW THE DISCUSSION WE JUST HAD BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING STARTS
YES
I'll send you an e-mail when I'm finished fixing the sales plan
WHAT WAS THE NAME, MODEL NUMBER AND COLOR OF THE FILE ON THAT PRODUCT I HAD YOU LOOK UP EARLIER?
Um
- XXXX FIFE TYPE THE FILE'S COLOR WAS RED
CORRECT
IT'LL MAKE THINGS EASIER IF YOU MEMORIZE THE PRODUCTS AND FILE COLORS TO SOME EXTENT, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO CARRY AROUND ALL THE FILES
RIING
RIING
Ah
HELLO, THIS IS NODA

KNOWING THE PRODUCTS
PRODUCT NAME, FILE WAGON, MODEL NUMBER ×× - ▒▒▒. THE YELLOW FILE PROBABLY TOWARDS THE FRONT
IS IMPORTANT, HUH.
PRODUCT NAME, DOUBLE CLIP, MODEL NUMBER ▒▒▒ - ▒▒. IT SHOULD BE TOWARDS THE END OF THE BLUE FILE
YES!
Just in time!
Noda-kun

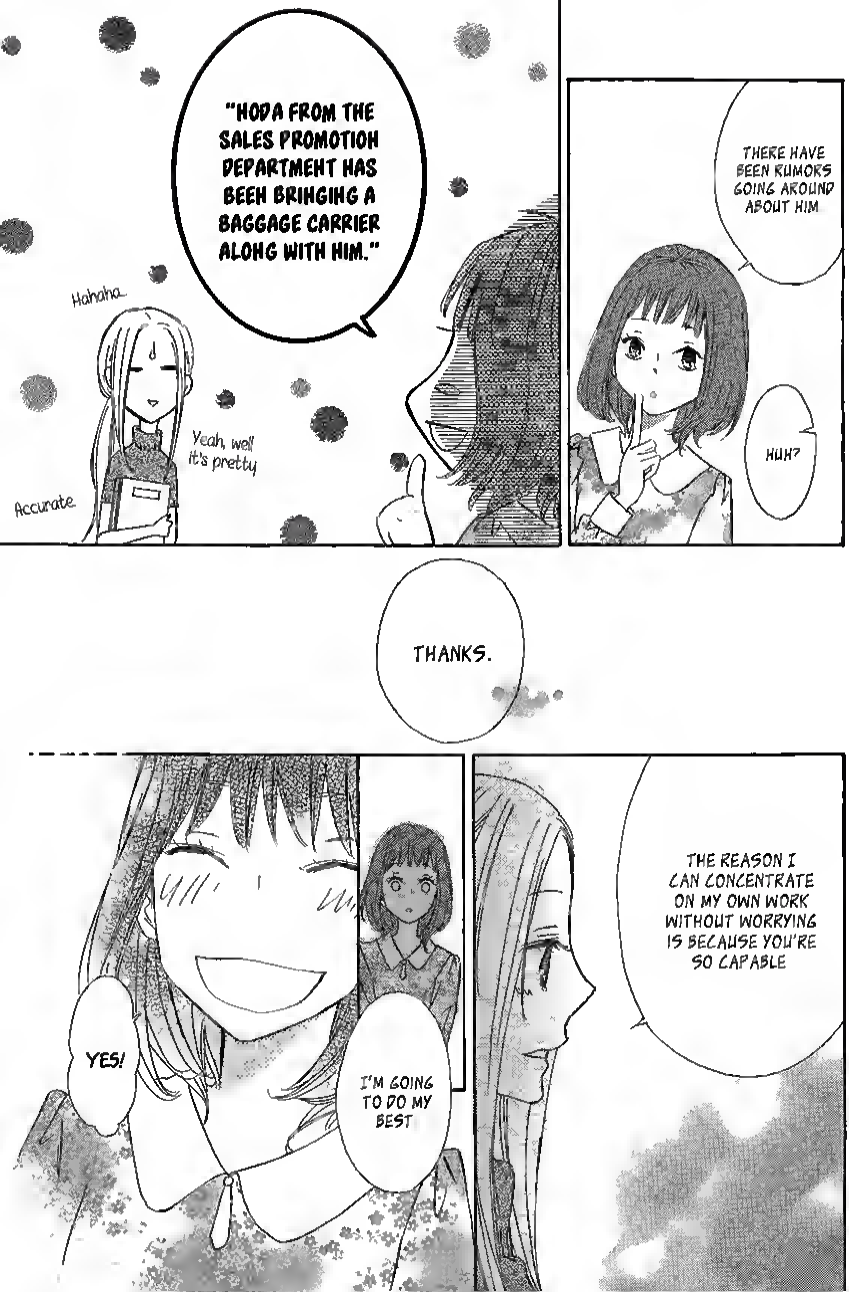
SHALL WE TAKE A BREAK?
Ugh... I can't feel my arms any more
Who knows?
What's that?
PANT PANT
PANT
IT'S STILL HEAVY THOUGH
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

Whew
I'M EXHAUSTED, BUT
IT'S KIND OF AMAZING
WHAT IS?
YOU KNOW, BACK WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
THE BOY I LIKED AT THE TIME GAVE ME A BALLPOINT PEN RIGHT BEFORE I TRANSFERRED
I STILL USE IT TO THIS DAY. ISN'T THAT AMAZING?
It's my good luck charm
Tadaaa
I THOUGHT THAT ANY JOB WOULD DO, AS LONG AS IT HAD TO DO WITH STATIONERY, BUT—

Ehe
SOMEHOW, IT FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN WORKING A TON TODAY!
...HAH?
YOU ALWAYS SAY, "IT'S NOTHING", DON'T YOU NODA-KUN?
Hmph
IT'S NOTHING.
THEN WHY DO YOU WORK SO MUCH, NODA-KUN?
IT'S NOTHING. THIS MUCH IS NORMAL

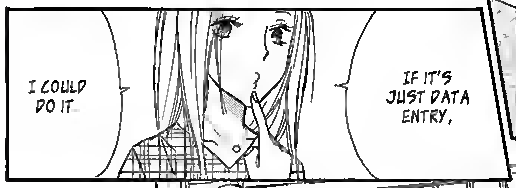
I JUST DO WHAT I'M TOLD WITH EFFICIENCY. THERE'S NO OTHER MEANING BEHIND IT.
DO YOU NEED A REASON TO WORK?
IS HE MAD...?
UNOH...
WAIT
A SEC!

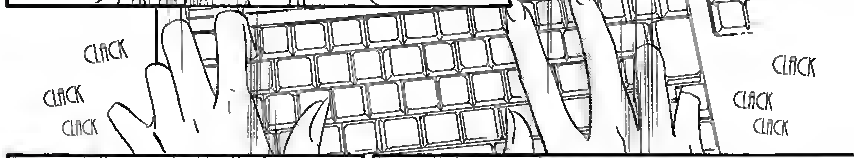
BUT HE'S PROBABLY A GOOD GUY.
NODA HARUKI (26)
HEY. WHAT MEETINGS DO WE HAVE TODAY?
WE HAVE ONE FOR THE NEW FOUNTAIN PEN MODEL'S CAMPAIGN AND ONE FOR THE PLANNING SESSION FOR NEXT YEAR'S CALENDAR
APATHETIC, BUT GOOD AT HIS JOB.
I SEE
THEN I'LL JUST BRING THE RED FILE THAT SHOULD BE FINE, RIGHT?
HIS CATCH-PHRASE IS "IT'S NOTHING."
AH...! MATSU-MOTO-SENPAI!
SAKI-CHAN
I'LL GO AHEAD
YES
IS THAT NODA-SAN?
Um?
Whoah!


"HODA FROM THE SALES PROMOTION DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN BRINGING A BAGGAGE CARRIER ALONG WITH HIM."
Hahaha
Yeah, well it's pretty
Accurate
THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS GOING AROUND ABOUT HIM
HUH?
THANKS.
THE REASON I CAN CONCENTRATE ON MY OWN WORK WITHOUT WORRYING IS BECAUSE YOU'RE SO CAPABLE
I'M GOING TO DO MY BEST
YES!

I NEED TO START GATHERING DATA AND FINALIZE A MARKETING PLAN.
NO... WE'RE STARTING THE CAMPAIGN FOR OUR NEW FALL PRODUCTS SOON, SO...

I'LL DO MY BEST.
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY MEETINGS TODAY?
Huh?


I COULD DO IT.
IF IT'S JUST DATA ENTRY,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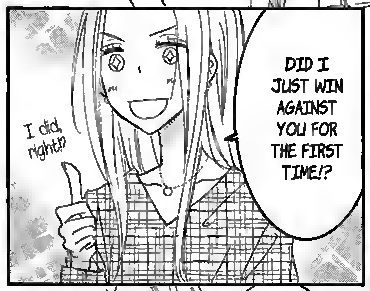
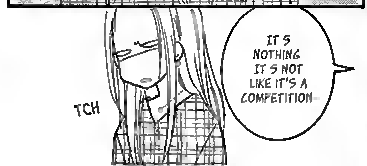

I did, right!?
DID I JUST WIN AGAINST YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME!?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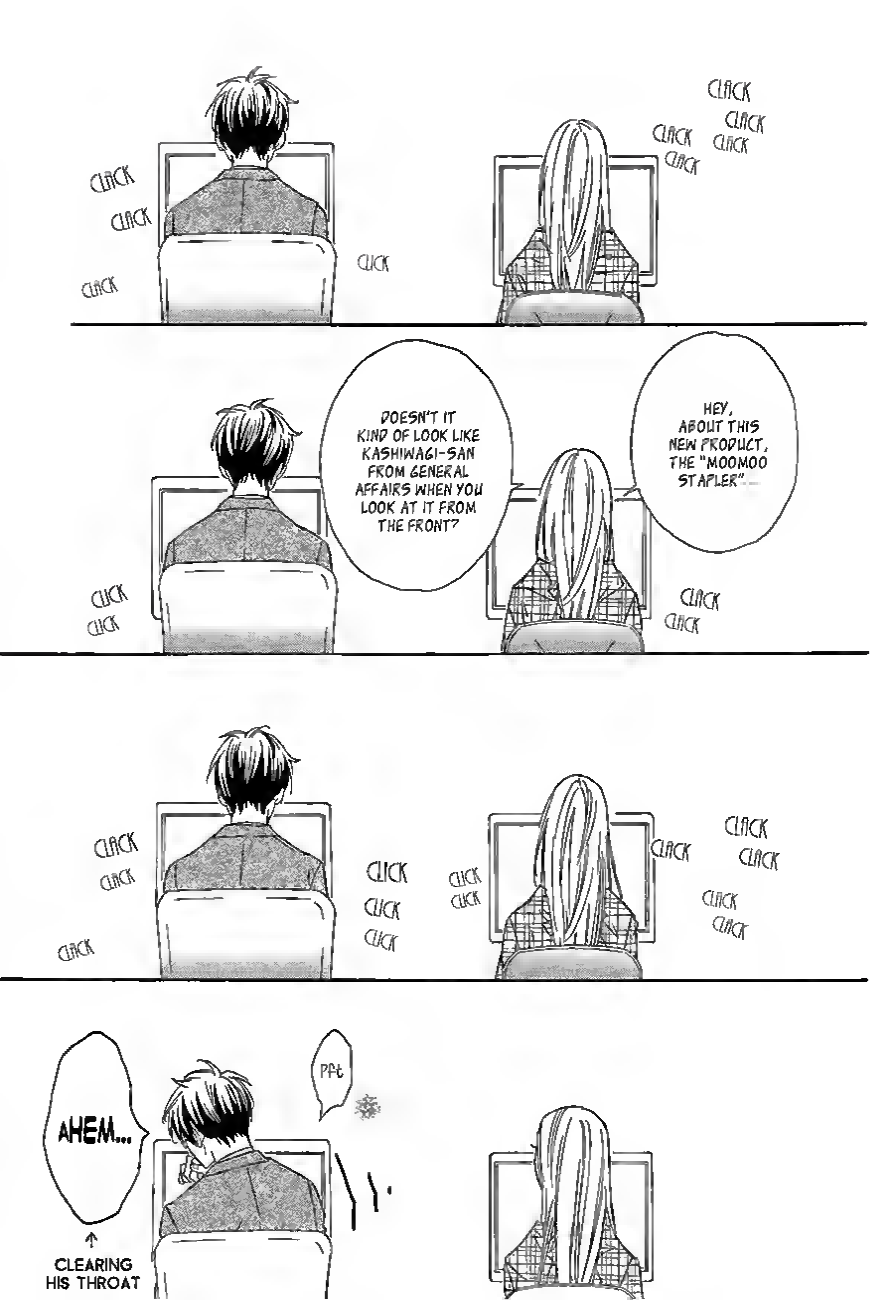
IT'S NOTHING IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S A COMPETITION

YOU'RE FAST.
THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE DONE THIS A LOT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CLICK
DOESN'T IT KIND OF LOOK LIKE KASHIWAGI-SAN FROM GENERAL AFFAIRS WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT FROM THE FRONT?
HEY, ABOUT THIS NEW PRODUCT, THE "MOOMOO STAPLER"...
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
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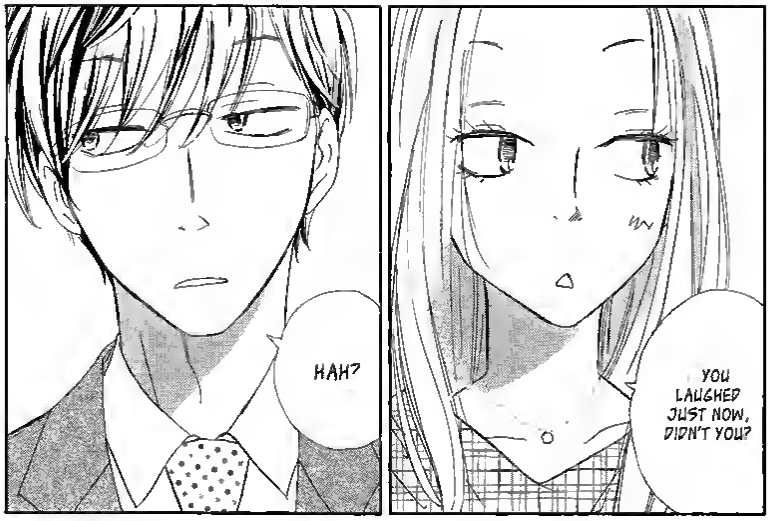
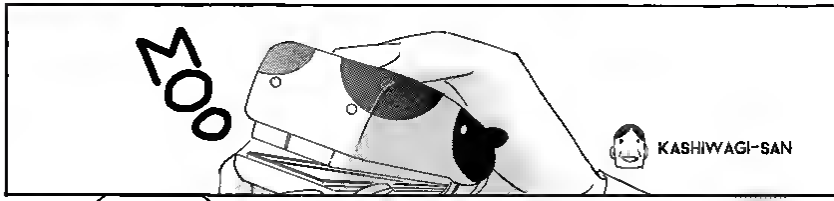
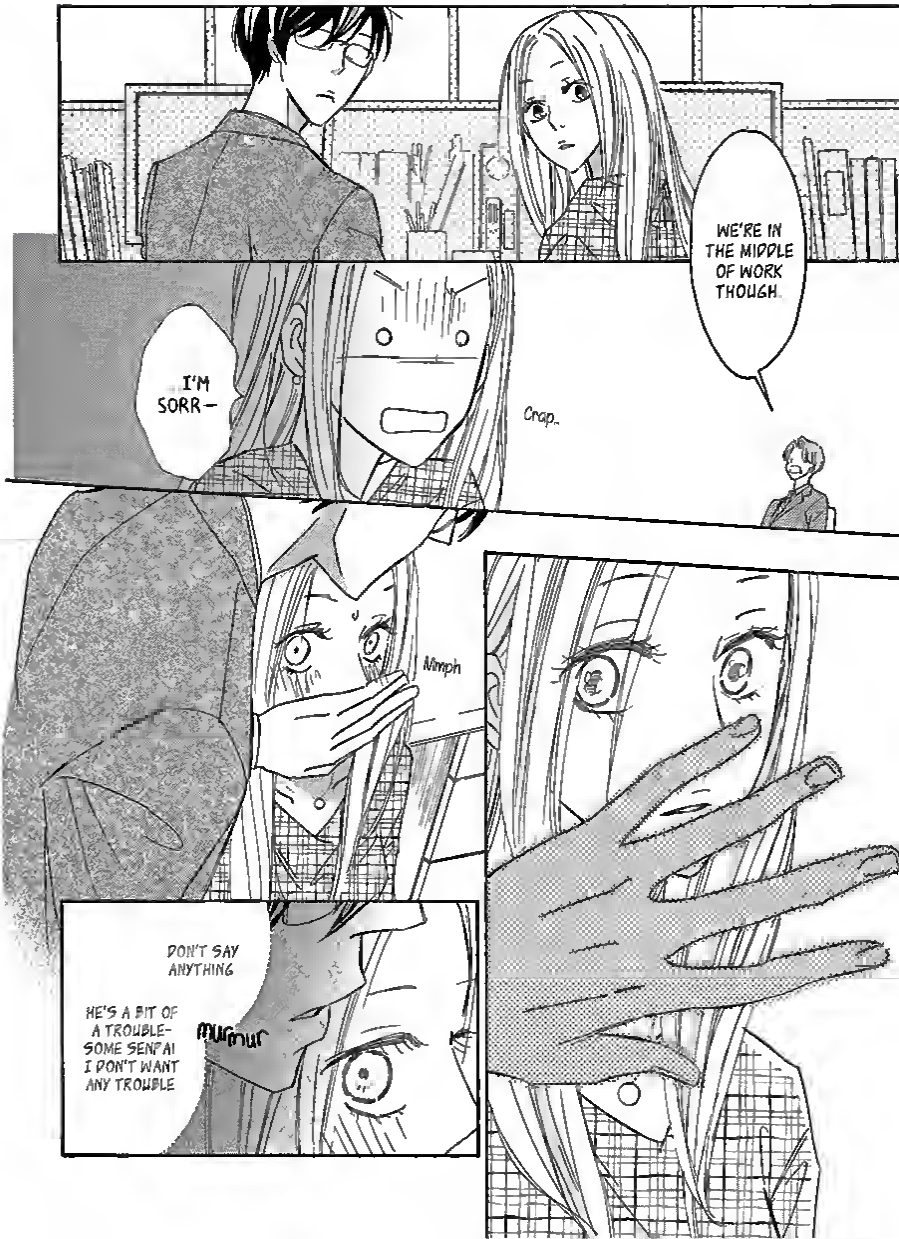
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
AHEM...
CLEARING HIS THROAT
PPt


HAH?
YOU LAUGHED JUST NOW, DIDN'T YOU?


KASHIWAGI-SAN

STOP IT YOU IDIOT! OR I'LL REALLY START THINKING THAT IT LOOKS LIKE HIM!
KASHIWAGI-SAN
CLICK

Oi, you sure look like you're having fun
Don't point at me
You said "idiot", you said "idiot"
AHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
I have a bunch of others too. Do you wanna hear them? Like Saito-san and Furuta-san
Has he started to loosen up a bit?
Hah?
What are you doing!?
We have so many products that look like people
Once I started to come up with nicknames for them, I came up with a bunch
I told you to stop it!
Don't tell me!
You guys look like you're having a lot of fun

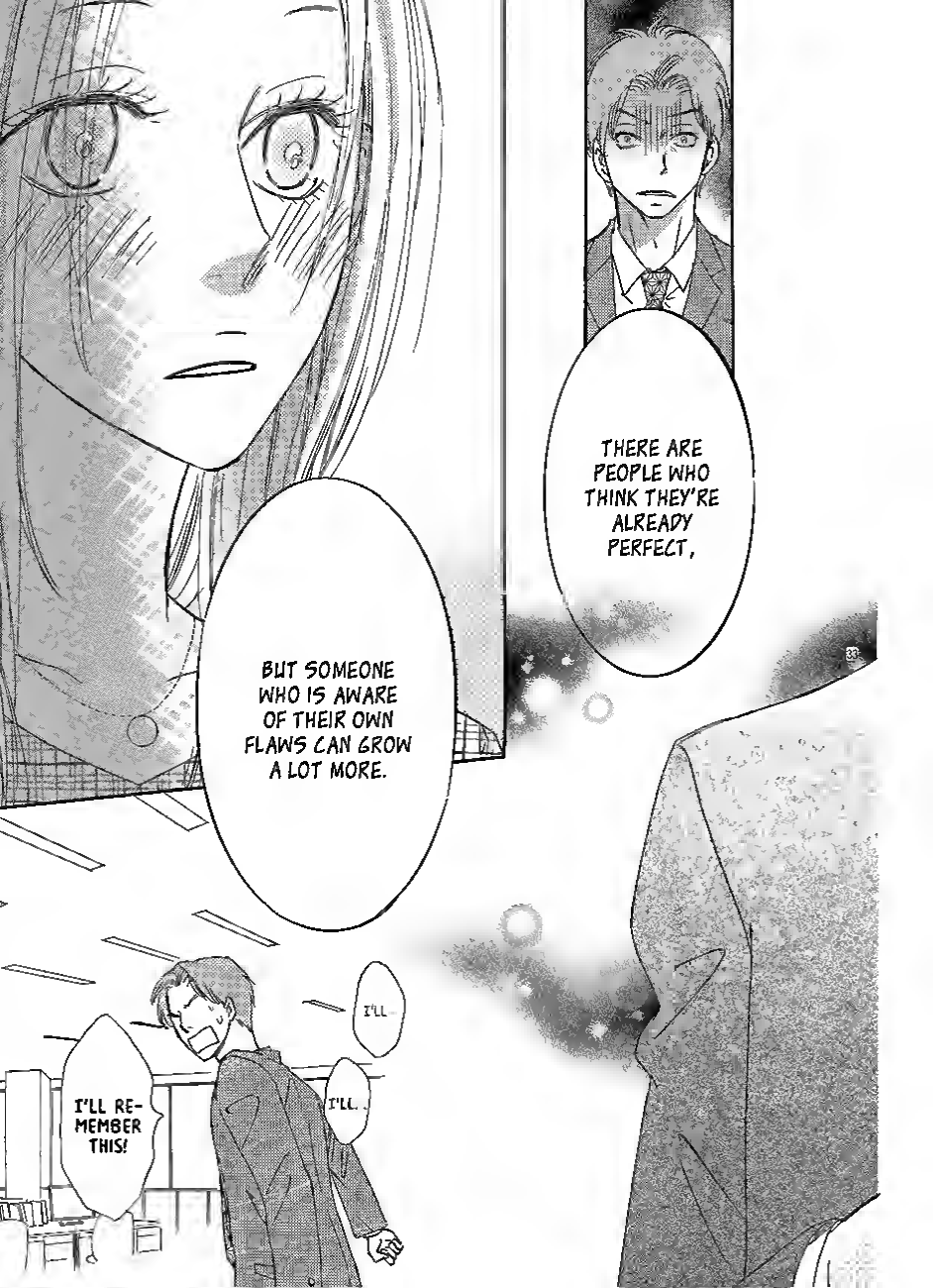

WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF WORK THOUGH.
I'M SORR—
Crap.
Nmph
DON'T SAY ANYTHING
HE'S A BIT OF A TROUBLE-SOME SENPAI I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE
murmur

I HEARD YOU'VE BEEN BRINGING THAT GIRL AROUND WHEREVER YOU GO LATELY
EVEN THOUGH I SHOULDN'T BE THINKING THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS.
BADUMP
BADUMP
IS DAMPENED WITH MY BREATH.
HIS LARGE, WARM PALM
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
ARE YOU TRYING TO ACT LIKE OUR SUPERIOR, DRAGGING A WOMAN AROUND?
THE HEAD OF THE GENERAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT LEFT ME IN CHARGE OF HER TRAINING
I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR HER DURING THIS PERIOD
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE NOISE

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT A WOMAN CAN ACTUALLY WORK IN SALES AND MARKETING AMONG MEN?
AND YOU, EVEN IF YOU MANAGE TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
ARE YOU TRYING TO SHOW OFF?
YOU'RE ALWAYS USING THAT FLASHY PEN —
MY BODY
What's this? It's so filthy
WON'T MOVE!

BAM

WHA...
Side
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU BASTARD!?
AAH...
WELL...
THERE WAS AN OUT OF SEASON MOSQUITO, YOU SEE.


THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY'RE ALREADY PERFECT,
BUT SOMEONE WHO IS AWARE OF THEIR OWN FLAWS CAN GROW A LOT MORE.
I'LL RE-MEMBER THIS!
I'LL
I'LL

THAT GUY IS ONE YEAR OLDER THAN ME HE ALWAYS VENTS HIS ANGER TOWARDS ME WHEN HIS WORK ISN'T GOING WELL, THOUGH
What a nuisance
TH...
"I'll remember this", huh.
So there really are people who say
ARE YOU OKAY?
RAGE
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE ASKING ME, "ARE YOU OKAY?"!
WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO SAID YOU DIDN'T WANT ANY TROUBLE!?
THAT JUST BLEW UP INTO SOMETHING EVEN MORE TROUBLESOME!!
What are you going to do now?
BUT...

ASIDE FROM ME, HE WAS LOOKING DOWN ON SOMEONE WHO'S TRYING THEIR BEST.
AND HE ALSO TRIED TO TOUCH YOUR PEN.
BLUSH
HAH?

Here
IT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU, ISN'T IT?
SINCE I WAS DEFIANT TOWARDS MY SENIOR—

WHY DON'T WE START GETTING SERIOUS
ABOUT IMPROVING YOUR SKILLS?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A PERSON'S SMILE HAS MADE ME SO UNEASY.
"Serious"...?
Nn?
TO BE CONTINUED